

HOUSE BILL 1489

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24,
Chapter 4, relative to civil leave and compensation
for state employees required to testify at trial.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new section as follows:

24-4-108.

(a) Upon receiving a subpoena to serve as a witness in a civil or criminal trial, a
state employee shall receive civil leave and compensation in accordance with the same
provisions governing employees summoned for jury service under § 22-4-106; provided
that, neither civil leave nor compensation shall be granted to an employee for time that
the employee spends appearing as a defendant in a trial or as a witness on the
employee's own behalf.

(b) This section shall not apply when a state employee is testifying in a trial in the
employee's official capacity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.